

Advertisement from a noble and potent Earle, Iohn Earle of Errol, Lord Hay and Slaines; high Constable of Scotland, Sheriff-principall of the Sheriffdom of Aberdeen; Mr. William More of Hilton, Advocate, Sheriff depute of the said Shyre; and Andrew Skene younger, of Pitmuckiton, Heritable Mair of Fee of the said Sheriffdom: To the severall Mair-deputs within the samen.

WHereas the Office of *Mair of Fee*, of this Sheriffdom, hath been of a long tme bygone neglected and slighted, and that severall persons have presumed to assume unto themselves the Name and Office of a *Mair depute*, who were never lawfullie admitted thereto; As also, those who have been admitted by the said *Andrew Skene*, have maleveried in the exercise of there Offices, and altogether deficient in the performance of any duty incumbent upon them; To the great abuse of the said Office, and of his Majesties Liedges. These are therefore giving Advertisement to the whole *Mair-deputs*, and Officers within this Sheriffdom, that they are not to exerce nor use, and hereby they are discharged to use or exerce the said office after the feast of *Michelmas* next to come, under all highest pain that can be inflicted upon them, requyring and commanding all such persons who presently are, or do intend to be *Mair-deputs* within this Sheriffdom, that they present themselves to the said *Andrew Skene*, betwixt and the foresaid day, and to receive from him formal Admissions, and find sufficient caution to him for their faithfull administration in their Offices: and for payment of such Annuities as are due and payable be them: And his MAJESTIES Liedges within the said Sheriffdom are hereby discharged to imploy any persons who shall not be formally admitted by the said *Mair of Fee*. And to the effect none pretend ignorance, thir presents are appointed to be printed, and published at each Parish Church door within the said Sheriffdom.

*Given under our Hands at Aberdeen,
the twenty sixth day of August 1680.*

*Erroll.
Mr. William More.
Andrew Skene.*

For the Parish of